

High School Writing Competition

2026 WINNERS

ESSAY

Allison Stanley, "['Things Fall Apart': Rhetorical Analysis.](#)" Teacher: Meredith Baine, Jonesboro High School.

Jade Johnson, "[Drinking the Kool-Aid.](#)" Teacher: Nicole LaCount, Jonesboro High School.

Tyler Eaton, "[Sexual Education in the Academic Environment.](#)" Teacher: Kelli Rollins-Stidham, Paragould High School.

HONORABLE MENTION: Cameron Russell, "[Reaching New Growth with the Beatles.](#)" Teacher: Meredith Baine, Jonesboro High School.

HONORABLE MENTION: Abigail Merila, "[Diseases I Have Known.](#)" Teacher: Kelli Rollins-Stidham, Paragould High School.

HONORABLE MENTION: Evie Mixon, "[Fighting a Bear.](#)" Teacher: Meredith Baine, Jonesboro High School.

CREATIVE NON-FICTION

Addyson H. Groetsch, "[Nile of Doubt.](#)" Teacher: Dr. Jessica Seat, Batesville High School.

Charlee Simpson, "[The Day I Chose Peace.](#)" Teacher: Nicole LaCount, Jonesboro High School.

Scarlet Jacks, "[Action!](#)" Teacher: Meredith Baine, Jonesboro High School.

HONORABLE MENTION: Keira Guerrero, "[What Music Speaks to Me.](#)" Teacher: Meredith Baine, Jonesboro High School.

FICTION

Madilyn Smith, "[The Destruction You Bring.](#)" Teacher: Meredith Baine, Jonesboro High School.

Kyler Williams, "[The Case of the Muppet Murder.](#)" Teacher: Meredith Baine, Jonesboro High School.

Cesar Canizales, ["The Sisyphus Conundrum."](#) Teacher: Nicole LaCount, Jonesboro High School.

POETRY

Brynlee Rabah, ["An Unwritten Path."](#) Teacher: Kelli Rollins-Stidham, Paragould High School.

Zariah Williams, ["Something Familiar."](#) Teacher: Meredith Baine, Jonesboro High School.

Isaac Pearson, ["Acrophobia."](#) Teacher: Kelli Rollins-Stidham, Paragould High School.

HONORABLE MENTION: Charlee Simpson, ["Never Look My Way."](#) Teacher: Nicole LaCount, Jonesboro High School.

HONORABLE MENTION: Allison Tate, ["A Spring Once Remembered"](#) Teacher: Dr. Jessica Seat, Batesville High School.

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